



U.S. Small Business Administration

# DISASTER NEWS

*Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes*

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## SBA Declares Disaster in Jefferson and Leavenworth Counties

**Sacramento, CA** – Hector V. Barreto, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), today declared Jefferson and Leavenworth Counties and the neighboring Kansas counties of Atchison, Douglas, Jackson, Johnson, Shawnee and Wyandotte and Platte County, Missouri a disaster area due to damage caused by torrential rains and flooding that occurred October 1 and 2, 2005. SBA's action responds to a request from Governor Kathleen Sebelius.

According to Gary L. Cook, SBA's Kansas City District Director, low-interest Federal disaster loans are available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed by the torrential rains and flooding.

"SBA Customer Service Representatives will be on hand at the following locations to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each individual complete their application," Cook said. The offices will be open on the following days and times:

<u>Easton, KS</u>	<u>Leavenworth, KS</u>	<u>Oskaloosa, KS</u>	<u>Rossville, KS</u>
<b>Easton City Hall</b> <b>300 West Riley St.</b>	<b>American Red Cross</b> <b>525 Shawnee St.</b>	<b>Jefferson Co. Health Dept.</b> <b>Conference Room</b> <b>1212 Walnut St. (Hwy 59)</b>	<b>Rossville City Hall</b> <b>438 Main</b>
<b>Mondays, Tuesdays &amp; Wednesdays</b> <b>9 am - 6 pm</b> <b>beginning October 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Closes Nov. 9</b>	<b>Thursdays &amp; Fridays</b> <b>9 am - 6 pm</b> <b>Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm</b> <b>beginning October 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Closes Nov. 12</b>	<b>Mondays, Tuesdays &amp; Wednesdays</b> <b>9 am - 6 pm</b> <b>beginning October 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Closes Nov. 9</b>	<b>Thursdays &amp; Fridays</b> <b>9 am - 6 pm</b> <b>Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm</b> <b>beginning October 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Closes Nov. 12</b>
<b>Re-Opens Dec. 13-19</b>	<b>Re-Opens Dec. 15-17</b>	<b>Re-Opens Dec. 13-19</b>	<b>Re-Opens Dec. 15-17</b>

"Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property," said Cook. "Businesses of any size and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$1.5 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to help with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future. In addition, for small businesses only, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered property damage," he added.

Individuals and businesses unable to visit SBA in person may obtain information and loan applications by calling **toll-free (800) 659-2955**. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications may be mailed to 14925 Kingsport Road, Ft. Worth, TX 76155.

The **filing deadline** to return applications for property damage is **December 19, 2005**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **July 20, 2006** for economic injury applications.

*For more information visit SBA's website at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster).*

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